

Side by Side Reading
Fiction/Nonfiction
Bud, Not Buddy

During the month of February, we will be reading *Bud, Not Buddy*. This historical fiction novel, written by Christopher Paul Curtis, is a time-piece set during The Great Depression Era/The Jazz Age. In order to fully grasp the setting and appreciate the plot, we need to familiarize ourselves with the time period. Therefore, you will read a nonfiction book to read "Side by Side" with *Bud, Not Buddy*.

You have a choice of the following topics:

1. The Great Depression (1929-1939)
2. The Jazz Age (impact, significance of the music on Americans)
3. Biographies of Important People
 - Herbert Hoover
 - Franklin Delano Roosevelt
 - J. Edgar Hoover
 - Al Capone
 - John Dillinger
 - Dorothy Dandridge
 - Duke Ellington
 - Count Basie

A book about your chosen topic is due on Monday, February 7th for check-in. It is very important that you meet this due date since the Side by Side reading will be completed in school. You will have AT LEAST ten minutes a day, sometimes more, spent reading your nonfiction book. Don't forget to apply the five finger rule. It will help you find a book appropriate for your reading level. If you are having difficulty finding a book please ask for help a few of days before it is due.

To Do List by Monday, February 7th:

- Ask an adult to take me to the library and purchase 1 or 2 packets of post-it notes.
- Find a few books of interest.
- Apply the five finger rule.
- Select one nonfiction book at my reading level.
- Show a parent the book choice and have them sign this sheet.
- Bring book and this handout to school on/before due date.
- Show teacher my book during Literature class.

I have completed my to do list.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____